

REMARKS

Within the Office Action, the Claims 1-58 have been subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The Restriction Requirement indicates that Group I claims (drawn to an encrypting operating system) and Group II claims (drawn to file access) are directed to distinct inventions. The Applicant notes that Group I claims include Claims 1-52 and Group II claims include Claims 53-58.

The Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I including Claims 1-52 for continued prosecution. Claims 53-58 have been canceled by the above amendment. The Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed toward the non-elected groups.

As a result of this election, Claims 1-52 remain pending in this application. The Applicant respectfully requests examination and reconsideration in view of the amendments above and remarks above.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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